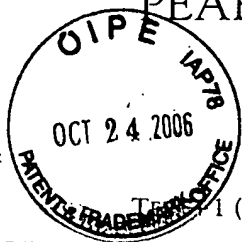


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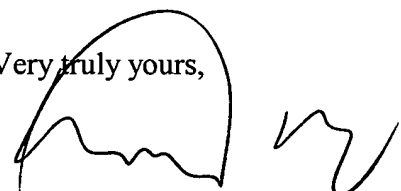
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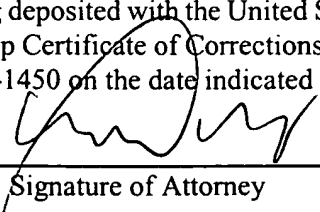
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:


Claim 16, Column 19, Line 6, please delete "easing", and insert therefor -casing-.

Claim 16, Column 19, Line 7, please delete "easing", and insert therefor -casing-.

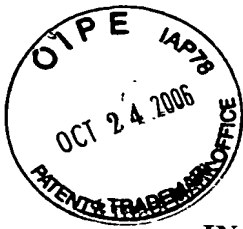
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In response to the Office action of August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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a cylindrical casing space;

an electrode plate accommodated in said casing space of said casing member;

an electrically insulating member in the form of an annular ring shape and accommodated in the casing space of the casing member to be held in coaxial alignment with the casing member;

a plurality of electrically connecting members each intervening between said printed circuit board and said electrode plate to have said printed circuit board and said electrode plate electrically connected with each other, said electrically connecting members being partly retained by said electrically insulating member and disposed on and along the circumference of said printed circuit board to be equidistantly spaced apart from one another; and

a diaphragm located between said inlet portion of said casing member and said electrode plate to be spaced apart along said center axis of said casing member from said electrode plate at a predetermined space distance.

Claim 15 (currently amended) An electret condenser microphone as set forth in claim 14, in which further comprises an said electrically insulating member accommodated is ~~in said casing space of said casing member and provided on said printed circuit board, in which said electrode plate is mounted on said electrically insulating member and retained by said electrically insulating member.~~

Claim 16 (original) An electret condenser microphone as set forth in claim 14, which further comprises a diaphragm supporting member accommodated in said casing space of said casing member and supported by said inlet portion of said casing member, in which said diaphragm is mounted on said diaphragm supporting member and supported by said diaphragm supporting member.

Claim 17 (original) An electret condenser microphone as set forth in claim 14, which further comprises an electrically insulating spacer intervening between said electrode plate and said diaphragm to have said electrode plate and said diaphragm spaced apart from each other at said predetermined space distance.

Claim 18 (original) An electret condenser microphone as set forth in claim 14, which further comprises a covering member provided on said inlet portion of said casing member.

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